

CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1-174. (Canceled).

175. (Previously presented) A method of providing a plurality of participants with the ability to effect choices about the future care of said participants, said method comprising

receiving from an input user, via an interactive user interface accessible through the internet, raw data relevant to the future care of a participant should said participant prior to death become incapacitated;

providing via said interface guidance information comprising at least one input form, said at least one input form comprising electives available to said participant regarding said future care, and reference information associated with said available electives;

analyzing said available electives in response to input by said input user to provide via said interface analysis information regarding said future care to allow informed choices of said electives to be made;

receiving from said input user via said interface at least one election of at least one of said electives;

providing said input user an identification instrument comprising a unique identification parameter corresponding to said participant;

storing in a computer-readable registry end-of-life information and said unique identification parameter in the form of an information set corresponding to said participant, said end-of-life information comprising said received raw data and said at least one election;

receiving a request from an output user identifying the occurrence of an incapacitated state in said participant;

verifying that said request includes said unique identification parameter;
if so, generating an information product derivative of said information set comprising said participant's election corresponding to said incapacitated state, said information product being

generated in a form that is enforceable in the jurisdiction from which said request was received;
and

communicating said information product to an output recipient.

176. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said analysis information is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a measurement of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care;
- b. a prediction of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care;
- c. a comparison of alternative choices regarding said participant's care; and
- d. interaction of drugs identified by participant in said end-of-life information.

177. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said first providing step further comprises providing a second input form to said user for subsequent submission.

178. (Previously presented) The system of claim 177 wherein said second input form is selected from the group consisting of an executable document and an election form.

179. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said end-of-life information is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one medication;
- d. a designation of at least one allergy;
- e. a designation of at least one health condition;
- f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency;
- g. a designation of at least one physician;
- h. emergency health information;
- i. an end-of-life choice;
- j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;

- l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
- m. an authorization to donate an organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- p. medical information; and
- q. a portion of an item selected from the group a through p, above.

180. (Previously presented) The system of claim 179 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice, said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice; and
- e. a spiritual choice.

181. (Previously presented) The system of claim 179 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an advance directive, said advance directive is an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;
- c. a selection of an end-of-life condition response;
- d. a selection of medical treatment; and
- e. a refusal of medical treatment.

182. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said guidance information comprises:

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition; and

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition response, wherein said input user can choose at least one of said at least one end-of-life response for response to at least one of said at least one end-of-life condition.

183. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said information product is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one medication;
- d. a designation of at least one allergy;
- e. a designation of at least one health condition;
- f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency.
- g. a designation of at least one physician;
- h. emergency health information;
- i. an end-of-life choice;
- j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
- m. an authorization to donate an organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- p. medical information;
- q. a summary of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through p, above;
- r. a copy of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through q, above; and
- s. a report concerning said end-of-life information.

184. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said information set comprises said end-of-life information stored in a standardized form.

185. (Previously presented) The method of claim 184, wherein said generating step comprises translating said information set into an information product in a language other than that native to said input user.

186. (Previously presented) The method of claim 184, wherein said generating step comprises generating an information product legally enforceable in a jurisdiction other than that in which said participant resides.

187-198. (cancelled)

199. (Previously presented) A method of providing a participant with the ability to effect choices about the future care of said participant should said participant prior to death become incapacitated, said method comprising

providing via an interactive user interface accessible through the internet guidance information comprising at least one input form, said least one input form comprising electives available to said participant regarding said future care, and reference information associated with said available electives;

analyzing said available electives in response to input by said input user to provide via said interface analysis information regarding said future care to allow informed choices of said electives to be made;

receiving from said input user via said interface at least one election of at least one of said electives;

storing in a computer-readable registry end-of-life information in the form of an information set corresponding to said participant, said end-of-life information comprising said at least one election;

upon receiving a request from an output user identifying the occurrence of an incapacitated state in said participant, generating an information product derivative of said

information set comprising said participant's election corresponding to said incapacitated state;
and

communicating said information product to an output recipient.

200. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said analysis information is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a measurement of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care;
- b. a prediction of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care;
- c. a comparison of alternative choices regarding said participant's care; and
- d. interaction of drugs identified by participant in said end-of-life information.

201. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, further comprising providing a second input form to said user for subsequent submission, wherein said input form is selected from the group consisting of an executable document and an election form.

202. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said end-of-life information is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an end-of-life choice;
- b. an advance directive;
- c. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order; and
- d. an authorization to donate an organ;

203. (Previously presented) The system of claim 202 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice, said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice; and
- e. a spiritual choice.

204. (Previously presented) The system of claim 202 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an advance directive, said advance directive is an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;
- c. a selection of an end-of-life condition response;
- d. a selection of medical treatment; and
- e. a refusal of medical treatment.

205. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said guidance information comprises:

- a designation of at least one end-of-life condition; and
- a designation of at least one end-of-life condition response, wherein said input user can choose at least one of said at least one end-of-life response for response to at least one of said at least one end-of-life condition.

206. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said information product is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an end-of-life choice;
- b. an advance directive;
- c. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- d. an authorization to donate an organ;
- e. a summary of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through d, above;
- f. a copy of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through e, above; and
- g. a report concerning said end-of-life information.

207. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said generating step comprises translating said information set into an information product in a language other than that native to said input user.

208. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said generating step comprises generating an information product legally enforceable in a jurisdiction other than that in which said participant resides.